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SEPTEMBER SUNSHINE.

These happy little girls are getting the best out of the September days. They are weaving a wreath of asters, while the big sunflowers smile upon them. Soon the flowers will go to sleep, for winter is coming.

DAVID'S GRATITUDE TO GOD.

September 13, 1896.

David was the great writer of Psalms. Most of them are psalms of praise. Most of us forget to praise God as much as we ought. Our lesson is one of David's great praise songs. It may have been written near the end of his life. He died at the age of seventy, "full of days, riches and honors." He was buried at Jerusalem, in the tombs of the kings cut in the rocks under Mt. Zion. His life was like a beautiful June day, but there were some cloud-shadows, and one black and fearful storm, but the evening of his life was clear and peaceful. God's voice had spoken like a lightning flash, but God had forgiven his sin and was ready to welcome him home to heaven. David gives God the glory. He declares that it was God that gave him strength for the battle; it was God who subdued his enemies. Even when they looked unto God he would not answer them. David was fighting in the Lord's cause, and if he sometimes seemed cruel, he was only doing what God wanted him to do. He had become not only the head of his own people, but of heathen nations also; strangers obeyed him and were afraid. David declares that the Lord liveth and was his rock where he could be safe. The heathens around him had their gods, but they were not living gods. David felt sure of this and was proud of his God. All he had was of the Lord's goodness. No wonder he declares, "Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name." And the same God will be our tower into which we can run and be safe.

Lesson Hymn.

The Lord's our Rock, in Him we hide,
A shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide,
A shelter in a time of storm.

CHO.—Oh, Jesus is a Rock in a weary land,
A weary land, a weary land;
Oh, Jesus is a Rock in a weary land,
A shelter in the time of storm.

A shade by day, defense by night,
A shelter in the time of storm;
No fears alarm, no foes affright,
A shelter in the time of storm.

O Rock divine, O Refuge dear,
A shelter in the time of storm;
Be Thou our helper ever near,
A shelter in the time of storm.

The Next Lesson.

TITLE—Destructive Vices.—Prov. xvi. 22-33.

GOLDEN TEXT—There is a way that seemeth right unto man: but the end thereof are the ways of death.
—Prov. xvi. 25.

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BE KIND TO THE AGED.

SOLOMON'S SIN.

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Solomon had now come to be an old man. He had done much for God. He had served him faithfully in his day. But what sad truth do we now read? "It came to pass when Solomon was old that his wives turned away his heart after other gods : and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God as was the heart of David his father." Solomon had not obeyed the laws of his own nation, for those laws forbade anyone to marry a heathen woman. Solomon had many heathen wives, and these had led him astray and caused him to go so far as worshiping heathen gods. He built "high places" for them, or places where people could come together and worship them. He had spoken so wisely to others and warned them to keep out of the way of evil and now in his last days he himself was in the way of sin. Think of Solomon bowing down to the horrible idols of the people about him ! There was one in whose red-hot arms little children were placed in order to gain her good-will, while the cries of the poor children were drowned by drums.

And the Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared to him twice. And God told him that his kingdom would be taken away and given to another. Yet for his father David's sake this should not be done as long as Solomon lived, and one tribe should be given to his son for the sake of the grandfather of that son, who, though he sinned, repented again in deep sorrow and passed his latter day in the love of God. But Solomon's last days were spent in sin and very likely in gloom.

The Lesson Hymn.

My soul be on thy guard,
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard,
To draw thee from the skies.

O watch and fight and pray,
The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly day by day,
And help divine implore

The Next Lesson.

TITLE—Cautions Against Intemperance. Prov. 23: 15-25.

GOLDEN TEXT.—For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty. Prov. xxiii. 21.

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REVIEW.

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We have now come to the end of Solomon's life. What a life it was! He began with everything the heart could wish, became great and mighty, so that his name was known wherever people dwelt and he was famed for his riches, his wisdom and his power, and at last he had to exclaim, "All is vanity!" Solomon was the son of David and Bathsheba, the woman who had been the wife of Uriah. He had always lived at Jerusalem. He was made king when he was twenty years old. He at once showed his wisdom by choosing not riches or long life, or the lives of his enemies, but an understanding heart. He built up the kingdom so that it was greater and grander by far than ever before. He built the wonderful and costly temple, and built a grand palace for himself, as well as other palaces, forts, gardens, and great water systems. The queen of Sheba was almost overcome when she saw his richness and greatness. He wrote thousands of wise sayings called proverbs, and many poems, besides books about every known plant and tree and beast. He lived in the greatest luxury and splendor. He had many thousands of slaves and thousands of horses, and had to lay very heavy taxes to keep up his expenses. Then God warned him that he was going astray. But it did no good. He was going down hill. His heathen wives had taught him to worship idols. He had an idol shrine, or more than one, quite near Jerusalem. Then part of his kingdom refuses to obey him, and a new king rises up and then Solomon's life comes to an end in darkness. What a lesson for us all! It won't do only to begin right, we must go on right and end right.

The Lesson Hymn.

But now I am a soldier,
My captain's voice I hear;
He gives me all my orders,
And tells me not to fear;
And if I hold out faithful,
A crown of life he'll give,
And all his valiant soldiers
Eternally shall live.

Through grace I am determined
To conquer, though I die;
And then away to Jesus,
On wings of love I'll fly.
Farewell to sin and sorrow,
I bid them all adieu;
And you, my friends, prove faithful,
And on your way pursue.

The Next Lesson.

TITLE—Christ's Ascension.

GOLDEN TEXT—While he blessed them he was parted from them and carried up into heaven. Luke 24:51.

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PICK UP POOR DOLLY.

THE CALL OF MOSES.

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WE have been learning about Moses, how God took care of him when he was a baby, and how he trained him when he was a young man under forty years of age. God had a special, a wonderful work for him to do, but Moses was not yet ready for it. He lived forty years in Pharaoh's court, where he had a good chance to see the evil and wickedness, the cruelty and crime of a great city and a great government.

But God was preparing his heart to feel for and save his groaning countrymen. At forty he felt for them but he was not yet of the right spirit to save them. Pharaoh's way when a man did not do what suited him, was to cut off his head. So one day when Moses was walking out and saw one of those hard, cruel Egyptain bosses beating an Israelite, or Hebrew, he up and killed the boss, or task-master. Then he hid his body in the sand. The next day when he went to part two Hebrews who were quarreling they cast up to him his act of the day before, and then Pharaoh found it out and Moses had to run for it.

He landed in a desert among shepherds and made his home with the priest of Midian for forty years, and married one of his daughters.

Now at the age of eighty he was a shepherd in the mountains of Midian, until he saw the burning bush with God in it. There God taught him the great lesson of his life, and pointed out the work of his life to him. Forty years more he was to spend leading God's people and his out of slavery into the promised land.

He was to go back to Pharaoh and bring that proud ruler to his knees.

The Lesson Hymn.

Saviour, lead me lest I stray;
Gently lead me all the way,
I am safe when by thy side,
I would in thy love abide.

CHO.—Lead me, lead me, Saviour
Lead me lest I stray;
Gently down the stream of time,
Lead me, Saviour, all the way.

Thou the Refuge of my soul
When life's stormy billows roll;
I am safe when Thou art nigh;
All my hopes on the rely.

The Next Lesson.

MOSES AND PHARAOH.

THE GOLDEN TEXT.—The angel of his presence saved him,—Isa. lxiii. 9.

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THE DEMON IN THE POT.

A much uglier and deadlier devil is in every pot of beer, and will come out to take the life of the drinker!

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

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We have learned something about Saul, the young man who took care of the coats of the Jesus-haters when they were stoning Stephen. We shall learn much more about him before long.

He became a Jesus-man, one of the very warmest friends of Jesus, willing to go anywhere and suffer anything for Jesus' sake. He was a missionary, and carried the good news about Jesus into many strange lands. He started a church at a city called Ephesus, and stayed with the dear people there three years, and they loved him very dearly. They must have had many glorious meetings together, and the people whom Paul had saved—for he was now called Paul—could scarcely bear to see him leave. After he was gone away, he wrote them a long, loving letter, from which our present lesson is taken. Paul wrote many letters that are set down in the Bible, but none more full of love and heavenly feeling than the letter to the Ephesians.

The devil of wine is not a new devil, but went about seeking some one to devour in the time of Paul already, and he is just as hungry now as ever.

Paul saw that some of his dear people were in danger, so he warned them to have nothing to do with the things of darkness, the sins that people commit often without thinking—the pits that even church members fall into, saying all the while, "It won't hurt me."

If you want to be a Christian, be awake; be wise and not a fool. To keep from being a fool study the will of God, find out what he wants you to do, then do it. Then, since your mind must be full of something, and cannot be empty, have it filled, not with the nonsense and filthy thoughts that wine will put into it, but with the holy, sweet, comforting thoughts that the Spirit will put there.

Paul says, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is *excess*." Excess means more than enough, and that's one trouble with wine. A little might not hurt, if one could stop there, but no one can. One glass swallowed wants another for company, and the two want a third, and so it goes on. Soon wine isn't strong enough, and brandy or whiskey is called for, and by and by nothing is fiery enough but hell.

The Lesson Hymn.

S. M.

Mourn for the thousands slain,
The youthful and the strong;
Mourn for the wine cup's fearful reign,
And the deluded throng.

Mourn for the lost, but call,
Call to the strong, the free;
Rouse them to shun that dreadful fall,
And to the refuge flee.

Mourn for the lost, but pray,
Pray to our God above,
To break the fell destroyer's sway,
And show his saving love.

The Next Lesson.

REVIEW AND EASTER LESSON. SPECIAL
SCRIPTURE. —John 20: 1-18.

GOLDEN TEXTS —Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

—Acts 2: 36.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life. —John 11: 25.